

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph of the application, starting with the first sentence, to read as follows, with deletions in brackets and insertions underlined:

This application is a National Phase application of International Application No. PCT/US2005/011886, filed April 8, 2005, which claims priority from South Korean patent application number 2004-24465, filed April 9, 2004, entitled WAVELENGTH DIVISION MULTIPLEXING PASSIVE OPTICAL NETWORK HAVING MULTIPLE BRANCHES OF OPTICAL DISTRIBUTION, which is hereby incorporated by reference. The present application claims priority to both International Application No. PCT/US2005/011886, filed April 8, 2005, and South Korean Patent Application Serial No. 2004-24465, filed April 9, 2004.